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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Project: Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records—(OMB No. 0930-0092)—Revision

Statute (42 U.S.C. 290dd-2) and regulations (42 CFR Part 2) require federally conducted, regulated, or directly or indirectly assisted alcohol and drug abuse programs to keep alcohol and drug abuse patient records confidential. Information requirements are (1) written disclosure to patients about Federal laws and regulations that protect the confidentiality of each patient, and (2) documenting “medical personnel” status of recipients of a disclosure to meet a medical emergency. Annual burden estimates for these requirements are summarized in the table below:

Annualized Burden Estimates

	Annual No. of Respondents ¹	Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hour Burden
Disclosure					
42 CFR 2.22	11,724	166	1,994,632 ²	.20	398,872
Recordkeeping					

42 CFR 2.51	11,724	2	23,448	.167	3,916
TOTAL	11,724	-	2,017,810	-	402,788

¹The number of publicly funded alcohol and drug facilities from SAMHSA's 2011 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS).

²The average number of annual treatment admissions from SAMHSA's 2008-2010 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS).

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to the SAMHSA Desk Officer at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To ensure timely receipt of comments, and to avoid potential delays in OMB's receipt and processing of mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service, commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via e-mail to:

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